



## **2022 City of Tempe Elections: Televised Candidate Opportunities on Tempe 11**

### **Televised Candidate Open Mic Guidelines**

Certified candidates for City Council have opportunities to videotape five-minute messages to community members.

- For the 2022 Primary Elections, the open mic opportunities are scheduled for Jan. 13, Feb. 10 and March 3, 2022.
- Videotaping occurs at 3 p.m. on the dates above. They do not air live but are played on Tempe 11 at 5 p.m. on those same days, ahead of the Regular Council Meetings on those dates.
- Participating candidates shall arrive 10 minutes before 3 p.m. at the Tempe City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St., to draw numbers for presentation order. If a candidate arrives after the videotaping has started, that candidate will not be allowed to participate on that date but may do so at the next scheduled open mic taping.
- Candidates must attend the taping in order to have their messages aired on Tempe 11. No pre-recorded messages may be submitted by candidates.
- Videotaping is live, and there are no retakes. No editing is done for any candidate.
- Each session will be available for viewing at [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11) usually by 10 p.m. on the same day. These sessions will be catalogued on Tempe 11's website.
- Each session will air on Tempe 11 intermittently until the next Regular Council Meeting. It also will be posted to the city's social media accounts.
- The City of Tempe reserves the right at all times not to broadcast any language, information or materials that are considered threatening, defamatory or otherwise unlawful. The city also reserves the right to disclose any information or produce any material as required by law.
- The following disclaimer will be run at the beginning and end of each videotaped message: "The City of Tempe and Tempe 11 broadcast this message as a public service and are not responsible for the content of this message. The candidates are responsible for their specific views. Pursuant to state law, this forum is purely informational and provides an equal opportunity to all candidates' viewpoints. The city remains impartial and does not support or endorse any particular candidate or viewpoint."

## Televised Candidate Debate/Forum Guidelines

As a community service, and within available time and resources, Tempe 11 provides interested organizations/groups with the opportunity to host televised debates or forums to which all certified candidates for City Council have been invited to participate.

- Starting Dec. 15, 2021, submit requests via email to Nikki Ripley\_ [nikki\\_ripley@tempe.gov](mailto:nikki_ripley@tempe.gov) AND Jason Wolf at [jason\\_wolf@tempe.gov](mailto:jason_wolf@tempe.gov). Specify your organization and your preferred date to host a televised forum.
- Dates available for televised candidate forums/debates before the March 8, 2022, Primary Election are below. One televised debate or forum is possible on each of these dates. They are done in the City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 6-9 p.m.

- Additional possible forum/debate dates may be offered if the May 17, 2022, General Election is needed.
- Requests are granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- There is a time limit of three total hours for each televised forum/debate. I
- Access to the City Council Chambers in advance of 6 p.m. for decorating or other preparations by the hosting organization will depend on other activities in the Chambers.
- Groups/organizations must invite all certified candidates to participate. A minimum of 51 percent of all candidates must be in attendance in order for the debate/forum to be taped and televised. Prior to Tempe 11 televising the debate/forum, the sponsoring group/organization must provide written confirmation to Nikki Ripley AND Jason Wolf that all candidates have been invited to participate.
- Each group/organization is solely responsible for debate/forum content and process. The city encourages every group/organization to conduct each debate/forum in an equitable and fair manner. However, it is every group's/organization's responsibility to achieve this goal.
- Videotaping is live, and there are no retakes. No editing is done for any forum/debate. Each forum/debate airs live on Tempe 11 on Cox cable and via live streaming at [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).
- The City of Tempe reserves the right at all times not to broadcast or rebroadcast any language, information or materials that are considered threatening, defamatory or otherwise unlawful. The city also reserves the right to disclose any information or produce any material as required by law.

- Tempe 11 will use reasonable efforts to replay each debate/forum a minimum of three times during the week following the taping. The videos will be viewable at [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11) until after the election(s).
- The following disclaimer will be run before, during and after each televised debate/forum: “The City of Tempe and Tempe 11 are not responsible for debate/forum content and process. The sponsoring organization is responsible for the process and general content while candidates are responsible for their specific views. Pursuant to state law, this forum is purely informational and provides an equal opportunity to all candidates’ viewpoints. The city remains impartial and does not support or endorse any particular candidate or viewpoint.”